



ACT Wisconsin Newsletter

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<http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/ACT>
Wisconsin DPI ACT Web page

<http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment>
Wisconsin DPI Assessment Web page

<http://www.act.org/aap/wisconsin/index.html>
ACT Wisconsin State Testing

<http://actaspire.avocet.pearson.com/actaspire/Home>
Avocet: ACT Aspire's online informational resource

<https://actaspire.tms.pearson.com>
ACT Aspire's online Training Management System

join-actwisconsin@lists.dpi.wi.gov
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Welcome to the New ACT Wisconsin Newsletter

Since we started the actwisconsin listserv this Spring, over 1800 individuals have joined! Today this issue introduces the new look for the ACT Wisconsin Newsletter. We hope this new format is easier for you to read and allows you to find the information you need quicker and more efficiently. Please send your suggestions and feedback to Peggy Roush at Margaret.roush@dpi.wi.gov.

Avocet Site New and Improved

Avocet is an online informational site for ACT Aspire resources including manuals, checklists, test readiness procedures, among many other ancillary materials. Avocet is currently under construction but will have new and improved features to unveil by August 1. Avocet recently added:

- A Search function that will help you find information quicker.
- A color-coding system that will help you sort when in the testing cycle you might find specific information most useful.



ACT Aspire Face-to-Face Training Update

We have had a great response to the Face-to-Face Aspire trainings that will be available in August. Remember that 2 representatives from each high school and 2 representatives from each CESA can attend. There is some room in the afternoon sessions in Wausau, West Salem and Appleton if your school has not registered yet. **The deadline for registering for those 3 sessions is August 4. All other sessions are closed.** There will be no walk-in registrations.

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<http://www.act.org/aap/state/contact.html>

ACT Aspire Customer Support

888-802-7502

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Please call ACT Aspire Customer Support with any questions related to your registration: 888-802-7502.

August 4, 2014	Milwaukee	Reagan High School 4965 S. 20 th Street Milwaukee WI	Session 1- 8:30 – 12:00 Session 2 - 1:00 – 4:30
August 18, 2014	West Salem	CESA 4 Office 923 E. Garland Street West Salem WI	Session 1 - 8:30 – 12:00 Session 2 - 1:00 – 4:30
August 19, 2014	Turtle Lake	CESA 11 Office 225 Ostermann Drive Turtle Lake WI	Session 1- 8:30 – 12:00 Session 2 - 1:00 – 4:30
August 20, 2014	Wausau	Northcentral Technical College 1000 W. Campus Drive Wausau WI	Session 1- 8:30 – 12:00 Session 2- 1:00 – 4:30
August 21, 2014	Appleton	Radisson Paper Valley Hotel 333 W. College Avenue Appleton WI	Session 1- 8:30-12:00 Session 2 – 1:00 – 4:30
August 22, 2014	Madison	Holiday Inn Madison West 1109 Fourier Drive Madison WI Madison Area Technical College West 302 S. Gammon Road Madison WI	Session 1- 8:30 – 12:00 Session 2 – 8:30 – 12:00

ACT Implementation Kick-off Save the Date

September 16, 2014 Superintendent and Principal Implementation Webinar. This event will be jointly hosted by ACT and Wisconsin DPI. This will be an opportunity for superintendents and principals to learn more about the ACT and ACT WorkKeys state adoption and what this means for your school and district. More information to come!

What's New

- **ACT Aspire Checklist of Dates** <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/ACT>
- **ACT/ACT WorkKeys Checklist of Dates**
<http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/ACT>
- **ACT Press Release about Future Enhancements to ACT**
<http://tinyurl.com/kkktwsl>
- **ACT Aspire Technology Readiness Training Webcast is posted. Missed the online**

training in May and June? Find it under the Aspire “Training” tab on the ACT Wisconsin website: <http://www.act.org/aap/wisconsin/aspire.html>

Did you Know?

This section will give you information and links to items that are frequently asked about or things you may not know are available as a resource. Do you have tips you want to share? Suggestions welcome!

- When searching the Avocet website, always download the entire document when given the opportunity by clicking the green download tab on the top left hand corner of the document.



- **ACT Aspire embedded tools document.** Want to know more about the accessibility features and accommodations in the online version of Aspire? Check it out: <http://actaspire.avocet.pearson.com/actaspire/Home#5040>
- **ACT Aspire Technology Coordinator checklist.** Wondering what you as the technology coordinator in your district can do to prepare for the fall Aspire administration? <http://actaspire.avocet.pearson.com/actaspire/home#5031>